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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: OECD MINISTERIAL DATES

REF: STATE 55148, TOKYO 3889

1. BASED ON SOME INITIAL REACTIONS TO MY LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTERS REGARDING THE DATES FOR THIS YEAR'S MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE OECD, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE TO RESCHEDULE THE MEETING FROM JUNE 9-10 TO JUNE 21-22, WITH PARTICIPATION BY FOREIGN MINISTERS ON JUNE 21 AND FINANCE MINISTERS ON JUNE 22.
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2. PLEASE INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER THAT U.S. IS PROPOSING THESE ALTERNATIVE DATES TO OECD SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP AND WILL UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS WITH OECD PERMREPS IN PARIS SEEKING EARLY AGREEMENT TO THE NEW DATES BY THE OECD COUNCIL.

3. FOR OECD PARIS: AMBASSADOR TURNER REQUESTED INFORM VAN LENNEP AND TO UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

4. FOR LONDON: CALLAGHAN RESPONDED TO SECRETARY'S LETTER BY BRITISH EMBASSY AND INDICATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR

JUNE 21-22 DATES.

5. FOR PARIS: IN CONVEYING MESSAGE PARAS 1-2 ABOVE PLEASE REFER TO ROBINSON-SAUVAGNARGUES CONVERSATION LAST WEEK; TO CALLAGHAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED DATES, AND TO FACT THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS NEED BE PRESENT ONLY ON JUNE 21.

6. FOR TOKYO: ALSO INFORM MIYAZAWA THAT WE NOW PREFER JUNE 21-22 IN ORDER MEET NEEDS OF OTHER FONMINS. KISSINGER

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